



Charlotte S. Yeh, MD, FACEP

Biographical Sketch

Charlotte S. Yeh, M.D., FACEP is the Regional Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in Region I, based in Boston. CMS, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, administers Medicare, Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Dr. Yeh, who is board certified in emergency medicine, is responsible for guiding and coordinating policies for the three programs in the region, which includes the six New England states.

Until January 2003, Dr. Yeh was the medical director for Medicare policy for National Heritage Insurance Co. in Hingham, Mass. The company is the Medicare Part B claims contractor for four New England states. She was responsible for bringing together medical specialists, provider groups and patients to develop medical coverage policies.

Before going to National Heritage Insurance Co. in 1998, Dr. Yeh worked for more than 20 years as an emergency physician in both clinical and administrative areas. She served for eight years as the physician-in-chief of the emergency department at New England Medical Center in Boston. In this role, she helped establish the first academic Department of Emergency Medicine at Tufts University Medical School in Boston.

Dr. Yeh was a member of the Boards of Trustees of the American Hospital Association and the Massachusetts Hospital Association, and she chaired the Massachusetts Trauma Committee, which is responsible for planning the statewide trauma system. She has lectured frequently on blending clinical practice with the legal requirements of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA), which guarantees access to emergency care.